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IMPORT GROWTH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether country`s import has registered a steep increase in the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details of imports done in this period and the comparative data of the same for the previous couple of years;

(c) the items which have shown increasing trend of imports;

(d) whether the Government evaluated the impact of these increase in imports on the indigenous producing sectors of these items;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken / being taken to reduce the increasing trend of imports and to save the benefits of domestic producers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) There is a marginal increase in the growth of import during April-August 2002. Import growth during the period was 10.4% as compared to 9.8% for the corresponding period of last year.

(c) Items which have contributed significantly to this growth are the following: Pearls precious & semi precious stones, Transport equipments, Electronic goods, Machinery except electrical and electronic, Vegetable oils (edible), Organic chemicals, Petroleum, crude & products

(d), (e) & (f): The imports are being closely monitored and the Government is determined to ensure through appropriate use of tariff and other mechanisms that imports do not cause any serious detriment or injury to the domestic producers.